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Dear Editor:

Does household nuclear waste result in nuclear fallout? I suspect that it does. Let me explain.

Recently I found it necessary to dispose of an old household smoke alarm. This common type of alarm has a radio active component, used to detect smoke. I had second thoughts about disposing of the alarm in the garbage after reading about mercury fallout from the garage incinerator. I reasoned that if heavy metals cause a fallout problem so would nuclear waste.

Inquiries of city, county and state government revealed no recycling or special disposal plans. Since government requires smoke alarms, it is safe to assume that many thousands of alarms are being disposed of in the garbage. I suspect that the incinerator in Newark is not being monitored for nuclear fallout. The children and grandchildren will pay for the \$40 million debt Essex County officials are trying to get the state to approve to operate the incinerator. They may also suffer the consequences of radio active fallout.

We must learn how to put our garbage out with out killing the future.

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